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1. During August 1952, units of the Chinese Communist Army in Chimaowan (7741/0960/3494), Hungt'uling (approximately N 20-08, E 110-42), conscripted an unspecified number of laborers to dig two tunnels into the side of a hill in the Hungt'uling area. The tunnels, which would face the sea, were to be 60 feet square at the opening and were to be dug approximately 40 feet into the hillside.¹ To aid in the work, a highway 38 li long was constructed from Hungt'uling, via Chihsing (approximately N 20-06, E 110-35), to P'uch'ien (N 20-04, E 110-36).
2. During May 1953, when civilian laborers stopped work on the project, troops of the Communist military units in the area completed the construction. During June, it was rumored among the residents of the area that the tunnel walls had been lined with cement and that the entrances were protected by doors four feet thick which opened by moving vertically.
3. In mid-June 1953 Communist trucks towed two large field pieces from P'uch'ien to Hungt'uling. One hundred local residents were recruited in order to assist in the installation of these weapons in the tunnels.
4. Prior to 1 July, three new three-story buildings and eight new bungalows in the Shantzu (1472/0098) Hungt'uling area were being used as Chinese Communist army billets.

1.	Comment. The openings to these tunnels were not visible from the sea.
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